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GROUP ART UNIT 3628
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APPLICANTS: LIKOUREZOS et al. GROUP ART UNIT: 3628
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EXAMINER: Clement B. Graham Atty. Docket No. 1002 CIP III
FOR: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EFFECTING A REAL-TIME
PAYMENT FOR AN ITEM WON ON AN ELECTRONIC AUCTION**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks prior to the continued examination of the above-identified patent application:

Amendments to the abstract are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

The Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

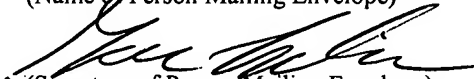
Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.

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